

Okarche is a community with its own businesses, churches, schools, civic organizations, and recreation facilities. The citizens of this community consider themselves as citizens and residents of Okarche and have strong ties within the community.

I believe the addition of a FM radio station would greatly serve the citizens and business people in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Biller".

Paul Biller  
Trustee

# Town of Okarche

P. O. Box 116

OKARCHÉ, OKLAHOMA 73762

Phone 263-7290

March 16, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N. W. Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proposed FM Radio Station

Dear Ms. Salas:

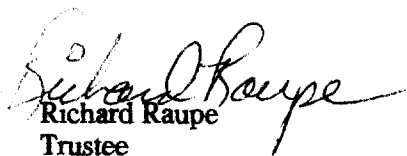
I am writing this letter concerning the proposal of the Tyler Broadcasting Corporation to establish a FM radio station in Okarche, Oklahoma. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I strongly recommend approval of the proposal.

Okarche, Oklahoma, is a small, predominately rural community which has long had a steady population with a well-known family oriented environment. In the past 10 years, Okarche has experienced steady growth in population as well as in its business and industry communities. Our businesses range from a expanding manufacturing plant to a grocery store. We are known state wide for our oldest state bank, delicious fried chicken at Eischen's Bar, and homemade cinnamon rolls from the Tower Cafe.

The impact of an Okarche radio station would be significant to our business and community environment. Our aim is to manage the growth of Okarche while maintaining its well-know quality of life. A local radio station can be a catalyst for economic development and for community relations. It would immediately be something which would advertise the businesses and activities of Okarche to its own citizens as well as to a wider, regional audience. It would serve to enhance the city's capabilities to manage its growth and keep its own particular identification and distinctive life style.

Again, I urge you to approve the Tyler Broadcasting Corporation proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Raupe  
Trustee

# Town of Okarche

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March 6, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.  
Secretary  
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RE: Proposed FM Radio Station

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing this letter concerning the proposal of the Tyler Broadcasting Corporation to establish a FM radio station in Okarche, Oklahoma. As an elected official of the Town of Okarche for 19 years and part owner of two businesses in Okarche, I strongly recommend approval of the proposal.

Okarche, Oklahoma is a small, predominately rural community which has long had a steady population with a well-known family oriented environment. In past years Okarche has experienced steady growth in population as well as in its business and industry communities. With the widening of Highway 3 to a four lane highway, we expect this trend to continue.

The impact of an Okarche radio station would be significant to our business and community environment. It would be something which would advertise the businesses and activities of Okarche to its own citizens as well as to a wider, regional audience. It would serve to enhance the Town's capabilities to manage its growth and keep its own particular identification and distinctive life style.

Again, I urge you to approve the Tyler Broadcasting Corporation proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Elise Turner  
Town Clerk

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March 6, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.  
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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing you concerning the proposal of Tyler Broadcasting Corporation to allot a new FM radio station to Okarche, Oklahoma. As Economic Developer for Okarche, I endorse the proposal enthusiastically. The town of Okarche would benefit greatly from its own FM radio station, with obvious benefits for economic development, community relations and the health and safety of local residents.

Okarche, Oklahoma, is a community established before Oklahoma statehood (1907) which has long served a basically rural oriented resident. Recently, the town has been experiencing steady and significant growth.

Okarche has always had its own government, currently using the Board of Trustees system. It has a police force and a volunteer fire department. The town has a public school and two parochial schools. Residents and businesses alike clearly identify Okarche as their home and location.

As one of the principal planners for the economic development of Okarche, I can see the town reaping great benefits from a local radio station. It would clearly be in the best interests of the town and its business environment, and it will serve a rapidly growing population. I strongly urge approval of the Tyler proposal.

Sincerely,



Huey P. Long  
Okarche Economic Developer



## Okarche Public Schools

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March 17, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N. W. Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proposed FM Radio Station

Dear Ms. Salas,

I have been informed that Tyler Broadcasting Corporation has made a proposal to locate a FM radio station in the town of Okarche. This could be a wonderful addition to our community and one that Okarche Public Schools could use for community involvement with our school.

The Okarche School System only has a small community newspaper to help with school and community relations, and they do a very good job with their limited resources. However, the educational benefits of a radio station to our students could be unlimited. It would be something that our students at this point have had no access to. I can see a tremendous asset to our students interested in the communication field and journalism classes.

As Okarche grows, and it will because of its proximity to Oklahoma City, the importance of a radio station to our community and school will only increase. The station can provide an avenue for growth and still keep a close relationship between the people of our community and our schools. I would strongly urge the Federal Communication Commission's approval for the Tyler Broadcasting proposal and the future of our town and the educational benefit of our school.

Sincerely,

Robert Barnett  
Superintendent Okarche



March 17, 1998

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RE: Proposed FM Radio Station

Dear Mr. Salas:

I am writing concerning the proposal of Tyler Broadcasting Corporation to allocate a new FM radio station to Okarche, Oklahoma. As president of Temtrol, Inc., I endorse the Tyler Broadcasting Corporation proposal fervently. Besides the benefits for economic development, the town of Okarche would benefit greatly in community relations and the health and safety of local residents.

Okarche is a community that is very family oriented. Recently, the town has been experiencing steady and significant growth. It has always had its own government, full-time police department and a separate volunteer fire department. The town has its own public school system and two parochial schools. Residents and businesses alike clearly identify Okarche as their home.

As one of the principal planners for the economic development of Okarche, I can see the town reaping great benefits from a local radio station. It would clearly be in the best interests of the town and its business environment, and it will serve a rapidly growing community. I strongly urge approval of the Tyler Broadcasting proposal.

Very truly yours,

TEMTROL, INC.

George Halko  
President

GH/ns

Grellner Oil Co.  
P.O. Box 125  
Okarche, OK 73762

March 19, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

As a business owner in Okarche, I encourage you to approve Tyler Broadcasting corporations application for Okarche, Oklahoma. Our stores lie on a major state highway and I believe the local advertisements would help our business and help the growth of our community.

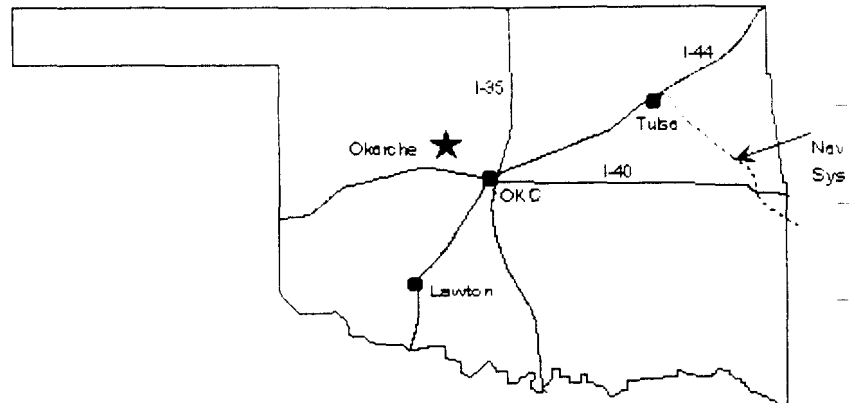
Sincerely,

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Mike Grellner

**ATTACHMENT D**





**City: Okarche**  
**County: Kingfisher**

### **Population**

Data from the 1990 population census place the Okarche population at 1,160. This is an increase of 9.02% from 1980. 8.78% of the population of Kingfisher County resides in Okarche.

<u>Area</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1992 Est.</u>
City	826	1,064	1,160	1,133
County	12,857	14,167	13,212	12,947
30 Mile Radius	N/A	N/A	382,300	390,700

### **Percent Distributions of the Population by Race and Sex, 1990**

In Okarche, 98.53% of the population is White, .17% is Black, .95% is Native American, and the remaining .35% is comprised of all other races.

### **Labor Force**

The Kingfisher County labor force was 6,500 in 1992. Participation rate in the county labor force constitutes 77.07% of males and 51.31% of females.

<u>City Labor Force Factor</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Civilian Labor Force	278	235	513
Employed	268	228	496
Estimated Labor Availability within 30 miles	5,520	4,700	10,220

### **Climate**

The average January temperature in Okarche is 44 degrees Fahrenheit with a July temperature average of 81 degrees. The area receives an average of 29 inches of rain annually and 10 inches of snow. The average number of flying days is 334.

### **General Government**

Okarche has a Board of Trustees type of government. There is a comprehensive city plan and zoning. The city provides garbage service.

### **Public Safety**

Okarche has 14 volunteer fire personnel and 3 full-time police officers. The city's fire insurance has an 8 classification while the adjacent area has an 8 classification.

### **Utility Providers**

Utility services are provided primarily by the following carriers:

**Electric** - Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.  
**Natural Gas** - Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.  
**Telephone** - Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

### **Water System**

<u>Storage Capacity</u>		<u>Daily Consumption</u>	<u>Pressure In Mains</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Ground: 100,000 GPD	Max:	406,000 GPD	45 PSI	Wells	NA GPD
Elevated: 236,000 GPD	Min:	140,000 GPD	45 PSI		

### **Sanitation and Sewage Treatment**

Okarche has a lagoon system of treatment..

#### **Sewer Treatment Capacity and Load**

<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Present Load</u>
Gallons per Day	NA	NA
Population Equivalent	NA	NA

### **Express and Motor Freight**

More than ten motor freight companies serve Okarche on an as-needed basis.

### **Distance to Major Cities**

Oklahoma is centrally located in the U.S. The distance from Okarche to the following cities is:

<u>City</u>	<u>Miles to</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Miles to</u>
Atlanta	866	Memphis	481
Chicago	797	New Orleans	704
Dallas	245	New York	1,467
Denver	575	Oklahoma City	38
Detroit	1,025	San Francisco	1,622
Houston	484	St. Louis	525
Kansas City	362	Seattle	1,856
Los Angeles	1,313	Tulsa	135

### **Air Transportation**

The nearest commercial airport is 34 miles from Okarche at Oklahoma City. This airport is a full service field with four runways, the longest having a total runway length of 10,000 feet. There are at least 7 major commercial airlines operating out of Will Rogers. There are 17 air freight companies operating there.

### ***Water Transportation***

The nearest water transportation is the Port of Catoosa. It is 143 miles from Okarche and has a channel depth of 9 feet. It is connected via the Arkansas River to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

### ***Road System***

Okarche is located on US 81/SH 3. The nearest interstate highway is I-40, approximately 12 miles to the south.

### ***Bus Availability***

Okarche has one bus carrier.

### ***Accommodations***

The city has one motel with 27 rooms. The largest banquet room in Okarche seats 40.

### ***Housing***

Okarche has 462 dwellings; 84.4% are owner-occupied.

### ***Places of Worship***

Okarche is home to three Protestant churches and one Catholic church.

### ***Media***

Okarche has one weekly newspaper and cable television.

### ***Tax Structure***

Okarche's property tax rate is \$61.53 per \$1,000 assessed value for the year 1994. The fractional assessment percentage for real property is 11.00% and for personal property; 11.00%. The property tax is distributed as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$0.00	\$15.50	\$46.03	\$0.00	\$61.53

### ***Bond Indebtedness***

<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
\$600,000	\$0	\$158,000

### ***Sales Taxes***

The city has a sales tax rate of 3.0%. In addition, the state levies a 4.5% tax rate on sales. Kingfisher County levies a 0.5% sales tax.

### ***Commercial Services***

From the city the nearest machine shop, tool and die services, or electric and motor repair services are ten miles.

### ***Educational Resources***

Okarche has 5 primary and secondary schools with approximately 400 students and 40 teachers.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Public	K-6	1	157	12
Public	7-9	1	81	N/A
Public	10-12	1	96	20
<u>Private</u>	1-8	<u>2</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>10</u>
Total		5	434	42

Okarche residents can easily reach Redlands Community College, Southern Nazarene University, and Oklahoma City University to fulfill their higher education needs. The Canadian Valley Area Vo-Tech is 10 miles away and the Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech is 18 miles in distance.

### ***Telecommunications***

Telecommunication information for Okarche is not available.

### ***Medical Facilities and Medical Practitioners***

There are two clinics in Okarche. Practicing in Okarche are 5 doctors and 2 physician assistants.

### ***Financial Institutions***

Okarche has two banks with assets totaling \$66,431,000.

### ***Industrial Financing***

The Oklahoma Finance Authorities (OFA) provide low interest financing through the issuance of general obligation bonds. The loans are established at 300 basis points over cost. In a first mortgage position the loan can be up to \$1.25 million. Many Oklahoma counties have voted approval of General Obligation Limited-Tax Bonds for economic development. The amount of bonds the counties can issue is limited to no more than could be retired by a special tax levy of 5 mills. The proceeds of the bonds are generally used to acquire or build a facility associated with the development project. Lease income from the facility is used to amortize the bonds.

### ***Recreational Facilities***

The citizens of Okarche have access to a number of recreational facilities.

<u>Parks</u>	<u>Tennis Courts</u>	<u>Country Clubs</u>	<u>Swimming Pools</u>	<u>Golf Courses</u>
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## ***Business***

The employment and establishment data reported in the following table is for Kingfisher County.

It should be noted that this employment data excludes some types of employment, namely government and railroad employment.

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Number of Establishments</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>
Ag. Serv., Forestry, and Fishing	5	13
Mining	66	748
Construction	22	138
Manufacturing	19	280
Transp. & Pub. Util.	21	498
Wholesale Trade	42	371
Retail Trade	79	659
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate	35	305
Services	105	730
Total	394	3,742

Source: *Oklahoma County Business Patterns 1992*

## ***Major Employers***

<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>	<u>Union Name</u>
Okarche Public Schools	Education Services	41	
Temtrol	Refrigeration	275	
Carter Chevrolet	Auto Dealership	40	
Center of Family Love	Medical/Education Services	110	

## ***Local Development Organization***

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Elise Turner, City Clerk  
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Okarche, Oklahoma 73762  
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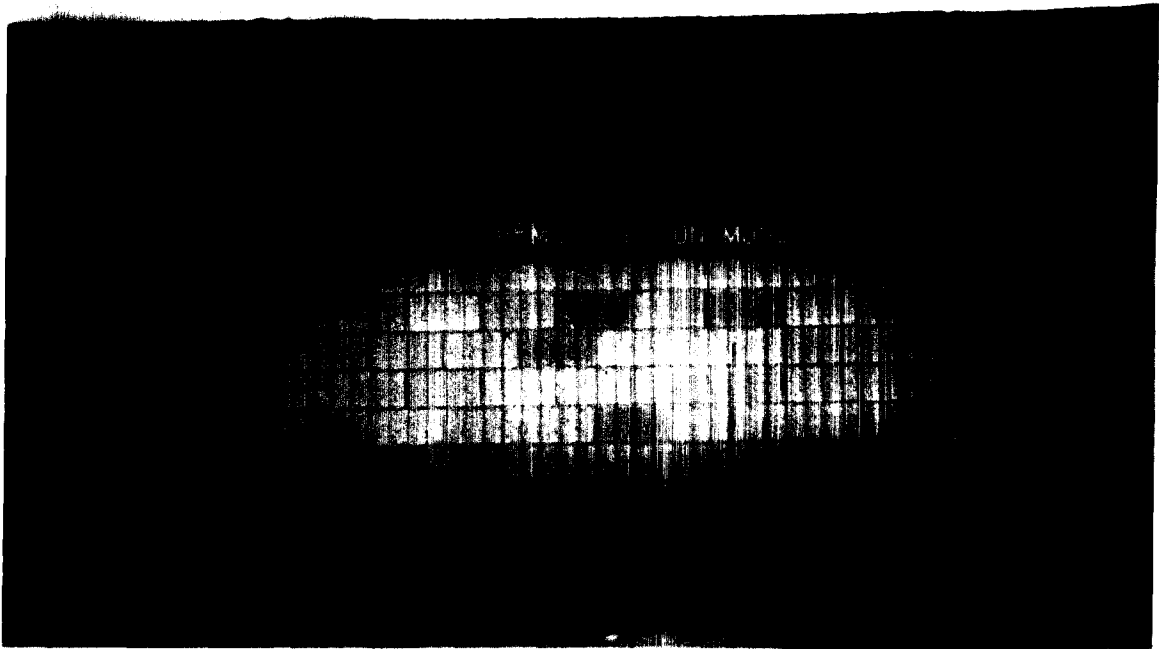
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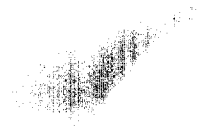
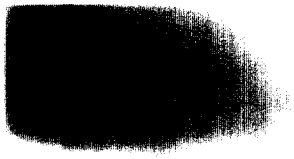
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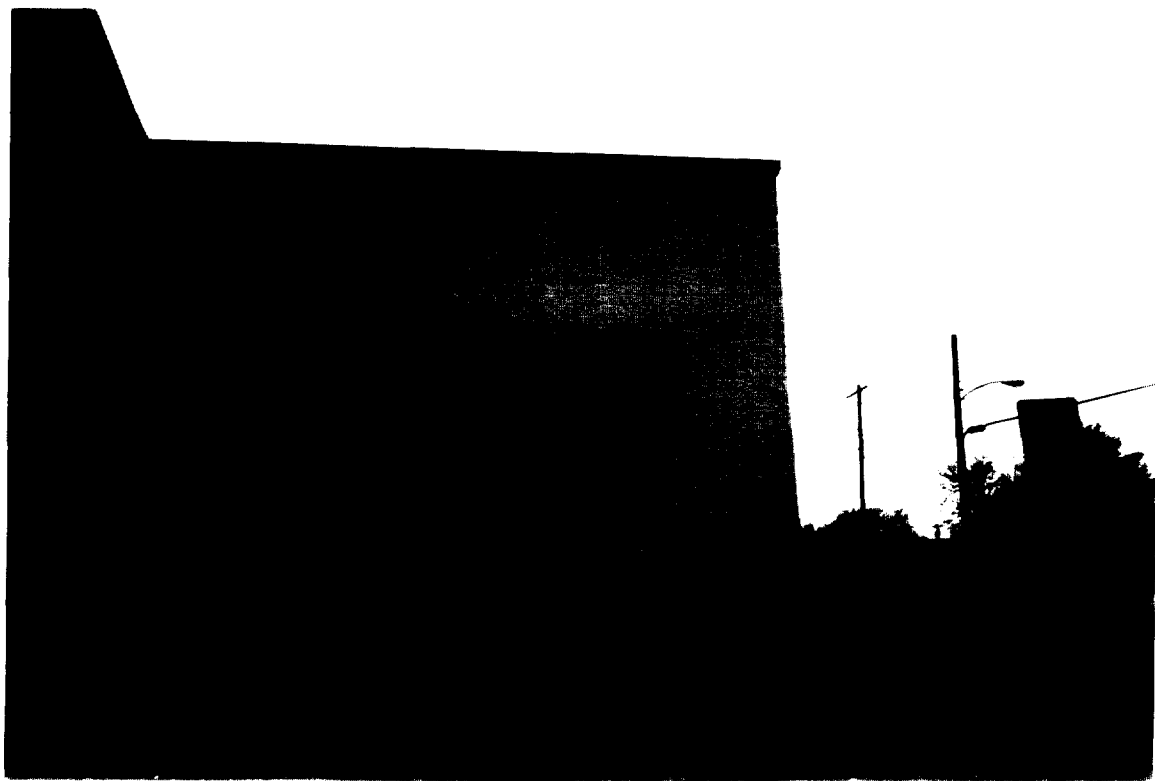
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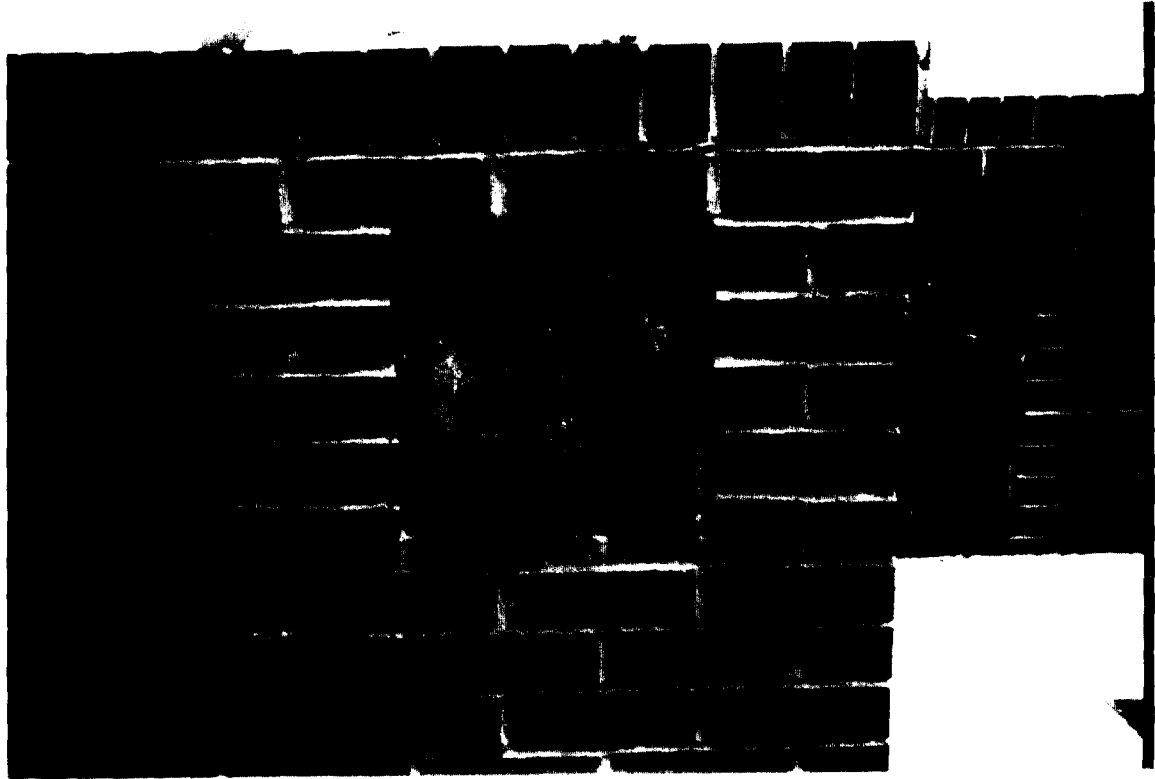












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